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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT - INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS INSPECTION CENTERS

(PROJECT TITLE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM "EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL TESTING LABORATORY EQUIPMENT")

REF: A. 76 SEOUL 8734, B. SEOUL 4016, C. STATE 120189

1. LOAN NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBJECT PROJECT HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED BETWEEN ROKG AND ADB, AND ROKG EXPECTS THAT A FORMAL LOAN AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED MID-SEPTEMBER 1977.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NIRI) HAS JUST COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE CAPABILITIES OF FOREIGN CONSULTING FIRMS AND IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARING THE SHORT LIST OF QUALIFIED

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FIRMS. THE PROJECT CALLS FOR ASSISTING NIRI IN THE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS AND IN THE EVALUATION OF BIDS FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND FOR TRAINING NIRI'S TECHNICAL STAFF IN MODERN INDUSTRIAL INSPECTION AND TESTING TECHNIQUES. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED BY EMBASSY, THREE US FIRMS, GE-TEMPO, BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE AND STANFORD RESEARCH

INSTITUTE ARE INCLUDED ON THE SHORT LIST. ONE BRITISH (HAROLD WHITEHEAD & PARTNERS LTD.), ONE INDIAN (ESCON CONSULTANTS PVT. LTD.) AND ONE AUSTRALIAN FIRM (NAME UNKNOWN) MAY ALSO POSSIBLY BE INCLUDED. NIRI WILL SHORTLY PROVIDE ITS SHORT LIST TO ADB FOR CONCURRENCE. WHEN ADB CONCURS, IT WILL SOLICIT TECHNICAL PROPOSALS FROM THE LISTED FIRMS.

3. REPORTEDLY, PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS UNDER THE LOAN IS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

A. TO THE EXTEND POSSIBLE, PROCUREMENT SHALL BE ARRANGED IN SUCH A WAY THAT EACH BID PACKAGE OR CONTRACT SHALL BE APPROPRIATE IN SIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

B. EACH SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS ESTIMATED TO COST THE EQUIVALENT OF DOLLARS 100,000 OR MORE SHALL BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

C. EACH SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS ESTIMATED TO COST LESS THAN THE EQUIVALENT OF DOLLARS 100,000 SHALL BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL SHOPPING.

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ITEMS TO BE PROCURED UNDER THE SUBJECT PROJECT WERE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A.

4. INFORMATION IN PARA. TWO ABOVE ON ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS IS BEING HELD CLOSELY BY TOP OFFICIALS AT NIRI AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SENSITIVE UNTIL ADB OFFICIALLY RECEIVES THE SHORT LIST.

5. COMMERCE MAY WISH TO RELAY THIS INFORMATION INFORMALLY TO GE-TEMPO, BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE AND STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE SO THAT THEY MAY QUIETLY BEGIN PREPARATIONS TO SUBMIT TECHNICAL PROPOSALS IN ANTICIPATION OF BEING OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY NIRI AFTER ADB CONCURS. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS PROJECT CLOSELY FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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